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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: SUNDAY NEWS PAPER SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

GENERAL HAIG'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON TO BRIEF THE PRESIDENT IS
FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT
OF HAIG'S MISSION AND THE MONDAY MEETING WAS GREETED WITH CAUTIOUS
OPTIMISM AND HOPEFULLY INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION THAT
A FINAL CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ALL BUT WORKED OUT.
SOME OBSERVERS WARNED THAT EVEN IF THE PRESENT ROUND OF
TALKS IS COMPLETED EARLY NEXT WEEK, KISSINGER, HAIG OR
PERHAPS BOTH MAY HAVE TO FLY TO SAIGON, AND A FINAL ROUND
OF SECRET TALKS FOLLOWING SUCH A MISSION WAS NOT BEING RULED
OUT.

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MEETING NEAR WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN PUT ON NOTICE THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO BE TOUGH AND BUSINESS-LIKE WITH EUROPEAN ALLIES IN THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY NEGOTIATIONS PROJECTED FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HELMUT SONNENFELDT SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION MERELY RECOGNIZES THAT THE MOOD OF THE COUNTRY IS THAT EUROPE MUST DO SOMETHING TO REMOVE THE PERMANENT DEFICIT IN THE U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONFERENCE SOURCES REPORTED.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO NAME DANIEL MOYNIHAN AS THE NEW US AMBASSADOR TO INDIA. THE SOURCES VIEWED THE PROSPECTIVE APPOINTMENT AS AN EFFORT TOWARD A NEW, FRIENDLIER ERA IN US-INDIAN RELATIONS.

GOVERNMENT SOURCES IN SAIGON SAID THAT PRESIDENT THIEU IS PLANNING TO RESHUFFLE HIS CABINET, PROBABLY GIVING SOME MINOR POSTS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST OPPOSITION IN AN ATTEMPT TO WIN NEW POLITICAL SUPPORT. HE IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THE CHANGES IN HIS ADDRESS TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY.

THE SOVIET UNION AND NORTH VIETNAM SIGNED NEW TRADE AND AID AGREEMENTS TODAY. THE SOVIETS PROMISED TO "GIVE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE IN THE STRENGTHENING OF (NORTH VIETNAM'S)

DEFENSE POTENTIAL. NO DETAILS WERE RELEASED BY TASS.

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UNION WILL SHIP LARGE CONSIGNMENTS OF GOODS, EQUIPMENT
AND OTHER PROPERTY OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF (NORTH VIETNAM'S) NATIONAL ECONOMY," TASS SAID.
POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED.

ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE, CHALMERS ROBERTS WRITES THAT SENATOR
MANSFIELD SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO ASK THE
NEW CONGRESS TO PASS A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT
TO SERVE FORMAL NOTICE THAT THE US WILL WITHDRAW FROM SEATO.
THE RESULT IS LIKELY TO BE A NEW ROUND OF DEBATE OVER THE
SHAPING OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN ASIA IN THE POST-
INDOCHINA WAR PERIOD.

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